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### TRUSTS.

Trusts! Trusts! Trusts! Nothing but Trusts. Almost every day a new trust is formed. It is like an epidemic spreading over the country. The latest addition is a chair and rocker trust and the negotiations are nearly completed. The scheme involves \$25,000,000, which represents the purchasing power of the new combination. The Hubbard & Eldridge Chair Company, on Lyell Avenue, this city, have agreed to enter the combination, and so it goes. According to the Catholic Record from which we publish the following: "Forty-three trusts organized in January and February of this year form an aggregate \$1,106,300,000, while the combination formed in 1898 represent a capital of only \$918,176,000. The American Steel and Iron Company incorporated in January, 1899, has a capital stock of \$90,000,000. The Federal Steel Company is the greatest of all industrial trusts, its capital being \$200,000,000. There are whiskey trusts, tobacco trusts, leather trusts, rubber trusts, pulp and paper trusts, biscuit and baking powder trusts, petroleum trusts. At the rate these combinations are now forming there will not be an article offered for sale which will not be controlled by a trust.

It used to be advanced as a motto that competition was the life of trade. If this is true trade is doomed as the object of trusts is to annihilate competition.  
What will be the result of these gigantic aggregations of capital on this country? Trusts have a few advocates. It is advanced that they promote a more economical way of production; that they render the employment of labor more steady and at better remunerative prices; and that thus they are a benefit to the working classes.  
But on the other hand, they are generally viewed in a spirit of apprehension. It is feared that when they get into full working order they can command prices, and exact from the consumer all that he can possibly stand.

It is self-evident that trusts are organized for private gain and not for certain public purposes. It is positively certain they will squeeze from the public all they can. This is human nature, and nature never fails to assert itself. Are trusts a threat to the welfare of the community? If they are, they ought to be opposed from the start. If they are resisted, could they be overcome? This is a problem for the future to solve. Money is omnipotent; it can command newspapers, speakers, writers, legislatures, and bay voters; so that the result would be very doubtful. It will enter the politics of the country. Some of the Democratic leaders have already declared themselves against trusts; while some Republicans fear that it would be a powerful weapon in their hands, and therefore also declare themselves against them.

### CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE.

From the pastoral letter of the Archbishop and bishops of New Zealand, issued at the close of the recent first provincial council, we take the following:  
"All Christian society, the whole magnificent fabric of Christian civilization, rests upon the Christian family, the Christian home. Now the basis of the Christian home is Christian marriage, which our Divine Lord has raised to the dignity of a sacrament. By home-life the characters of men are moulded more than by any other agency. Give religious, pure, peaceful and sweet home-life, then all the virtues which hallow and adorn life blossoms like flowers in genial spring, but when the bud of childhood is blighted in this its earliest sanctuary, then farewell the hope of fragrant blossoms and ripe fruit in after life. But the security of the Christian home is in the indissolubility of the marriage tie. Christian marriage is the union of one man and one woman and forever. This is God's ordinance from the beginning of the world; this is the law of Jesus Christ, the legislator of the New Covenant, this is the doctrine of the spouse of Christ, the Catholic Church. No matter, then, what human enactments may be framed—no matter what laws of divorce may be published—no matter how few or how many (whether one or twenty) causes of divorce be admitted in the government of this or that country—our duty is plain: we cannot accept them nor profit by them to break a lawful marriage sanctioned by the Church of God. Christian marriage once consummated can never be dissolved, save by death. Even adultery, though it may justify separation from bed and board," cannot loose the marriage tie, so that either of the parties may marry again during the life of the other. "What God has joined together, let no man put asunder" (Matt. xix. 6). Our duty, in common with all Christian believers and friends of civilization, is to deplore the havoc wrought by divorce laws of this and other countries—laws which are fast loosening the foundations of society. Our duty is to inculcate that all such divorces are powerless in conscience. Our duty is to teach Catholics to enter into marriage through worthy and holy motives, and with the blessings of religion, especially with the blessing of the Nuptial Mass. Then, far from wishing for means of escape from their union, they will regret that it can be dissolved even by death.

"When we look around us it is hard to believe that Catholics sufficiently realize the sanctity and responsibility of the marriage state. Too often, like unbelievers, as though they were free in this matter to follow their whims and fancies without regard to the divine laws or the commandment of the Church, they readily contract mixed marriages—that is to say, they intermarry with those who have no faith or a religion different from our own. Under certain conditions, which ought to be loyally promised, and fulfilled, the Church reluctantly permits the contracting of such marriages, but she regards them as unchristian, she consents to them as a mother, who despairs of offering effective opposition, consents to the marriage of her daughter with one who she knows is more likely to break her child's heart than to secure her lifelong happiness. The greatest evil of such matches lies not in the fact that there can be no perfect union of heart, no complete sympathy, no entire revelation of each to each, and consequently not that untroubled peace and contentment which the marriage union should bring; but it is found in this other fact, that in such wedlock deep religion and earnest piety are almost impossible while the children of these religiously divided families too often grow up in indifference, and sooner or later fall away from the faith. The fathers of this council therefore, reiterate their most earnest and solemn warnings against the prevalence of mixed marriages, and exhort their clergy to frequently remind their people, particularly parents and guardians, of their duty in this regard, so that, if not all, at least a great number of the objectionable marriages may be avoided."

Intense feeling, has been aroused by the action of the Atlanta, Ga., board of education in passing a rule subjecting pupils of the public schools to a demerit for absence on account of church attendance. For years it has been the custom to withhold the demerit for absence when the pupil stayed out to go to church. The priests have denounced the conduct of the board as narrow and bigoted, and Mr. Hamilton Douglass, one of the members of the board, made public a statement, in which he arraigns the majority of the board for its secret sessions. The secret session, he declares, is responsible for this rule, and he appeals to the people to compel the board to stick to the old custom of

### RELIGION THE CAUSE.

EDITOR CATHOLIC JOURNAL:  
Frippery of conscience has characterized in a fearful degree the public print of day. Notwithstanding the numberless resources and means that seemingly are at our command, it is impossible to receive proper news or the true accounts of what transpires in the Eastern portion of this universe of ours. With some sixteen cable wires in the Atlantic Ocean the foreign news is "boiled down" to that degree to suit the notions of European "tenders" thereby misleading the reading public on this side of the Atlantic Ocean. A cable message of to-day will have His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII, in a very poor state of health, and the morrow's cable dispatch will make a statement to the contrary! Likewise, as is often the case, we have manufactured news of the damaging character to Ireland "fired off" from London to the New York press to be contradicted by letters through the service of the mail bag on the Atlantic steamers. Hence it is, at this late period we are commencing to get news of the real state of affairs in Samoa. As the supposition has that every question has two sides for disputation, it appears—according to the London truth correspondent—we have been hearing but one side of the question, and that is the English version of matters in that country.

From letters of recent date, from ex United States counsel to Africa, Mr. Lloyd Osborne throws much light on the difficulties as they now exist, and unravels to the public view the causes and the real one is that of religion. It seems according to Mr. Osborne's statement, the London Missionary Society (Protestant) cannot tolerate the thoughts of a Roman Catholic King over Samoa! When the inhabitants of that country created Alfred their King, the Missionary Society became displeased and one William Chambers, chief justice in their behalf has been "working up" a scheme for hatred and difficulties for the inhabitants by "reporting" and receiving cooperation from headquarters in London—the scenes of "bibles and bayonets." "Her Majesty's" government responds through the medium of her naval powers by sailing in the vicinity of Samoa and making it uncomfortable for its inhabitants at the bid and suggestion of one simple and ordinary member of the "London Missionary Society"—one William Chambers! Talk of religious toleration—with its boasted trumpet blast forever in the ears of a reading public! If confidence can be placed in Mr. Osborne's statement, the bombardment of Samoan towns must be abhorrent to any civilized human being. And what makes the statements seem mysterious is the declaration of the same correspondent to the effect that the English and Americans did the "bombarding" together. If the statements are true in their full detail, it would be a matter of duty for the naval authority in this country to investigate the matter and have it distinctly known that Uncle Sam's war ships can not be utilized by other countries in their robber system of government. When the vast majority of the inhabitants of Samoa wish to retain their King, and be of the tolerant and Christian character, it is the duty of other governments to mind their own business by keeping their hands off. Otherwise the loud talk of humanity, "higher civilization" and "Christianity" are phrases of the decey order.

H. O. C.  
WATKINS, N. Y.  
WHY?  
Why do people go to church late when it is just as easy to form a habit of going in time? These same people would not want to miss part of a good drama if they were going to a theatre. Why miss any part of the mass? Why will the people sit down before the priest is seated during the services? These same people would consider it very impolite to take their seat first if in the presence of the president of the United States or if in Europe, in the presence of a King. What is a president or king compared to a representative of Christ? Why are so many people afraid of their own voices in answering the public prayers of the church? These same people are never afraid to raise their voice in conversation, nay, perhaps sometimes even to the detriment of their neighbors. Why be ashamed to use the voice for the honor and glory of God? Why will people be rude while the sermon is being delivered by reading their prayer book more diligently than during mass or by leaving the church, thus showing the want of all knowledge of good manners? These same people would hesitate to do a rude act in worldly society. Why be less polite in the house of God? Why will people persist in leaving the church about two minutes before the services are over? Are all going on important business which cannot be delayed? Is any business more important than the service of God? These same moments of time may be wanted at the hour of death and may be refused. And why do people not learn to clean their consciences upon entering and leaving the church? The same noise would be considered out of place in our own home. Good parents will correct their children for slamming a door, why show less good manners in our Father's house? These may seem trivial matters but they have much to do with what is high and holy. Any action done for God should be well done. Why not learn to do little things well. Let us try at least.

AN OBSERVER.  
**THE GOSPELS**  
GOSPEL—Sunday in the Octave of the Ascension—St. John xv. 26 27; xvi. 1-4.—At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "When the Paraclete cometh Whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, Who proceedeth from the Father, He shall give testimony of Me. And you shall give testimony, because you are with Me from the beginning. These things have I spoken to you that I may not be scandalized. They will put you out of the synagogues: yea, the hour cometh that whosoever killeth you will think that he doth a service to God. And these things will they do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. But these things I have told you that when the hour of them shall come, you may remember that I told you."

IN A certain sense these words were also intended for us. We also bear witness to Jesus, by leading a life according to his holy law; we also by sincerely professing the faith and by observing the laws of the gospel, may expect, as St. Paul says, to be persecuted; we also who find ourselves objects of persecution must be encouraged by the hope of our eternal reward in heaven.

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Tuesday, May 16.—St. John Nepomucene, martyr.  
Wednesday, May 17.—St. Paschal Baylon, confessor.  
Thursday, May 18.—St. Venantius, martyr.  
Friday, May 19.—St. Peter Celestin, pope, confessor.  
Saturday, May 20.—St. Bernardine of Siena, confessor.

FOR EIGHT HOURS' ADORATION.  
The order of Forty Hours states that the devotions will take place as follows:  
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HER SILVER JUBILEE.  
Sister Mary Sebastian Celebrates her Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.  
The silver jubilee of Sister Mary Sebastian was celebrated at St. Joseph's convent, Seneca Falls, N. Y., on Saturday last. A solemn high mass was celebrated in honor of the occasion in St. Patrick's church at 8 o'clock, Rev. M. Hendricks of Avon, being celebrant, Rev. Geo. J. Elmer of Caledonia, deacon, and Rev. M. U. Dwyer, sub deacon. Sister Sebastian is a teacher in St. Patrick's school and is most highly respected by her pupils and the congregation, a large number of which paid their respects to the jubilarian at the convent during the day. Our wish is that Sister Sebastian will live to celebrate her golden jubilee.

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Knights of Columbus.  
District Deputy Carey of Buffalo, will give the third degree at Ithaca on Monday, May 29th.  
State Deputy Francis J. McCluskey of Brooklyn, will give the third degree at Rochester June 21st, and at Geneva June 22nd.  
No Degree work will be given hereafter on Sunday.

PECCATORS.  
They were glad to go when their time had come.  
These noble friends of ours,—  
To leave the earth for a heavenly home,  
Above the springtime flowers.  
Nay fading floral tribute here  
Though emblems of ear love,  
Could portray the joys so dear  
God held for them above.  
Nay would they say to you nor I  
"Lay flowers upon my grave"  
No, instead, "have holy mass  
My soul from pain to save."  
So in happy faith they passed away  
These Catholic friends of ours,  
May they live in God's eternal day,  
Above the springtime flowers!  
Rochester, May, '99. M. McK.

Father Finn will contribute three-act comedy to the June number of "Our Boys and Girls' Own," the new illustrated Catholic monthly, which will be a great treat for boys and girls. Now is the time to subscribe. 75 cents in postage stamps, sent to Beasiger Bros., 36 Barclay St., New York, is the easiest way to pay for a year's subscription.

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